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Air Force works to protect natural resources

Commentary by Maj. Gen. L. Dean Fox
Air Force Civil Engineer

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Air Force is a leader and devoted guardian of the environment. As trustee to more than 8 million acres of natural habitat, the Air Force takes considerable measures to defend and enhance America’s rich landscape and cultural heritage.

The natural resources we protect – air, land and water – are a great source of strength, providing capability to build, equip, train and deploy the world’s most powerful and agile Air Force.

Today, the Air Force environmental program works to ensure valuable natural resources are available to meet flying, training and other operational needs. To meet current needs in fighting the war on terrorism and future mission requirements, we must harmonize environmental management goals with military operations.

This new management philosophy called Natural Infrastructure Management, or NIM, allows the Air Force to sustain, restore and modernize its environmental resources, or “natural infrastructure,” in full compliance and support of air readiness challenges. Our new mantra is “compliance and beyond” as we transform to a more proactive, performance-based approach to “operationalizing” the environment.

Our recently published 2006 Environmental Strategic Plan introduces this new concept of applying asset management to environmental stewardship. Sustaining the Air Force mission through effective NIM is the overall goal of this plan.

Additionally, the plan seeks to prevent encroachment, boost compliance, restore contaminated property and improve land use compatibility, all while increasing efficiencies and reducing costs. To achieve these objectives, the environmental program will expand its stakeholder partnerships, employ new innovative technologies, implement performance and risk-based approaches to decision-making, streamline our activities in sync with Air Force Smart Operations 21 to be “lean and green,” and train our Airmen to be even more environmentally conscious and responsible.

Our environmental troops are making great strides toward these goals. To date, the Air Force Restoration Program has cleaned up more than 4,500 contaminated sites, completing two-thirds of its restoration obligations. Through innovative methods, such as EPA’s systematic investigation tool and process optimization techniques, the Air Force saved more than \$100 million in life-cycle cleanup expenses. For example, at King Salmon Air Force Base, Alaska, six soil vapor extraction systems and one “pump and treat” system were shut down, saving \$25 million in projected

life-cycle operating costs.

The Air Force has also had phenomenal success with performance-based contracting, avoiding more than \$100 million of additional outlay. Air Combat Command provides the best example of applying private-sector expertise and experience to a multi-base contract, saving \$36.7 million, and reducing cleanup time by nine years, closing 44 of 46 environmental sites within the performance period.

Additionally, Air Force conservation has had an impressive year managing training and installation lands that provide habitat to more than 70 threatened and endangered species. One of this year’s highlights was at Arnold Air Force Base, Tenn., where the enforcement strength of the Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan actually resulted in the removal of the Eggert’s sunflower from the Federal list of threatened species. The de-listing was a first for the Department of Defense, demonstrating our flexibility in land-use management and speaking volumes on our good relations with the regulators and conservation community.

Lastly, pollution prevention continues to be a priority. The Air Force diverts large amounts of non-hazardous waste from landfills and has broad acquisition and supply programs to procure more environmentally preferable products.

In 2005, we avoided more than \$60 million in solid waste disposal costs by effectively diverting 87 percent of the construction and demolition debris and 46 percent of non-hazardous solid waste from landfills

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and incinerators. We have reduced hazardous waste disposal by more than 57 percent.

The Air Force is also expanding usage of alternative fuels like ethanol in its military and government fleet vehicles, and continues to seek new opportunities to buy green power and apply eco-friendly products and services to our day-to-day operations.

The Air Force will continue to lead by accomplishing mission objectives through prudent environmental management. Our commitment to restoration, conservation and pollution prevention will continue to show results, ensure military readiness and protect our natural world for generations to come.


COMMANDER’S CORNER

Thanks to the City of Abilene, the Big Country Community, and especially the Military Affairs Committee for another outstanding World’s Largest Barbeque.

I’m thrilled so many Team Dyess members and their families attended the event which was the 41st year the citizens of the Big Country have hosted us. I know you all appreciate the support of our friends in the local community. Please remember to thank them, not just for a great barbeque but also for all the support the patriotic people of the Big Country provide each and every day.

We also look forward to hosting the community during our Big Country Appreciation Day Air Show May 21st.

As always, thanks for all you and your families do for Team Dyess, our Air Force, and our great country.



Col. Garrett Harencak
7th Bomb Wing commander

Gone fishing lately?

Commentary by Senior Master Sgt. Andre Morin
7th Civil Engineer Squadron

Okay, wait just a second before you think about grabbing your fishing pole and tackle. The fishing I’m referring to and I am going to explain to you is the “Fish!” philosophy.

I just finished reading the book “Fish!: A Remarkable Way to Boost Morale and Improve Results” for a management course I am taking online. It is a parable based on the observations of the workers at the Seattle Pike Place fish market. They have a dirty, stinky job, but have found ways to enjoy their daily routines. Bottom line: they make work fun.

According to the book, many people are not happy in their jobs. They show up, do their job, and can’t wait to go home. The book refers to these dreary work environments as “toxic energy dumps.” Keep in mind, the work does get done; however, personnel are not as happy or as motivated as they could be.

With 22 years time in service, I can say I’ve seen some work sections in that predicament. So, current or future leaders and managers might ask, “How can I help create a productive, content and safe working environment for my people?” With careful planning and some examples from the text, you might find the missing link to a more efficient work center or organization.

First, choose your attitude. As you prepare to come to work every day, you put on your uniform and report for duty. Are you in a good or bad mood? Whatever the mood or attitude is, it is going to spread like wildfire. You as a leader have a choice about the attitude you bring to the

job. Make it a positive attitude filled with energy. Take the lead, and get the troops moving toward a productive Air Force day.

Second, you need to play at work. In the military, we already find play time during physical training and the occasional barbecue or sports day. Playing also means having fun on the job, no matter what your occupation may be. I’ll give you an example. I came through the ranks as a plumber in a civil engineer squadron. Now, how can anyone have fun working with sewage? We plumbers do everyday. The reason is, we start with a positive attitude, and we communicate and joke with each other all day. I’ve been hit with a soggy roll of toilet paper more than once. But hey, the job got done, and we had fun!

Third, make their day. This means engaging with other people, co-workers and customers, and include them in your fun, playful attitude. If you make others a part of your routine, they’ll remember the attention that was afforded them, and it will remain a lasting memory with them.

Fourth, and finally, be present. Be fully engaged in the task at hand. We all daydream, which can take the edge away from our total commitment to the job. But being present entails 100 percent focus, which will help you and those around you to accomplish the mission in a safe and timely manner.

In closing, I remind you that the work will always be there. It never goes away, and always needs to get done. Our country depends on us to keep America safe and lead in the fight on the Global War on Terrorism.

So no matter what your job is, why not try to have fun while doing it?

TEAM DYESS

FOD Fighter of the Week

Senior Airman Elizabeth Ward




Photo courtesy of Tech. Sgt. Sydney Forster

Senior Airman Elizabeth Ward, 7th Operational Support Squadron, discovered an aircraft part on the runway while performing a routine airfield inspection. Her findings eliminated potential damage to aircraft that utilize the Dyess airfield for training and routine stops.

Dyess Global Warrior

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Team Dyess quarterly award winners

Airman	NCO	Senior NCO	Company grade officer		
<div></div> <div>Senior Airman Heather Grant Unit: 7th Medical Operations Squadron Job title: Mental health technician Hometown: Nashua, N.H. Time at Dyess: Two years Time in Air Force: Three years Hobbies: Bowling Goals: To obtain my community college of the Air Force degree</div>	<div></div> <div>Staff Sergeant Edwin Delgado Unit: 317th Maintenance Squadron Job title: Communication and navigation technician Hometown: Trenton, N.J. Time at Dyess: Two years Time in Air Force: 10 years Hobbies: Sports and private flying Goals: To become a commercial pilot</div>	<div></div> <div>Master Sergeant Michael Hollandsworth Unit: 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron Job title: Cargo terminal manager Hometown: Onley, Va. Time at Dyess: Two years Time in Air Force: 17 years Hobbies: Playing racquetball, reading, spending time with my family Goals: To own my own business after a successful military career</div>	<div></div> <div>Capt. Jeffrey Bachert Unit: 317th Maintenance Squadron Job title: Propulsion flight Hometown: Sterling Heights, Mich. Time at Dyess: One year Time in Air Force: 14 years Hobbies: Sports, all-terrain vehicle activities, family time, golf Goals: To get my master's degree and become a math teacher when I retire</div>		
First sergeant	<div></div> <div>Master Sergeant William Warren Unit: 40th Airlift Squadron Job title: First sergeant Personal information not available.</div>	Honor Guard Airman	<div></div> <div>Senior Airman Carthell Maple II Unit: 7th Component Maintenance Squadron Job title: Aerospace propulsion specialist Hometown: Fredricksburg, Va. Time at Dyess: Three years Time in Air Force: Four years Hobbies: Honor guard and silent drill team Goals: To become a teacher and obtain the rank of chief master sergeant</div>	Honor Guard NCO	<div></div> <div>Technical Sergeant Corey Forshee Unit: 7th Contracting Squadron Job title: Contract administrator Hometown: Jacksonville, Fla. Time at Dyess: Two years Time in Air Force: 15 years Hobbies: Reading, sports and chess Goals: To obtain my master's degree in acquisition management</div>
Volunteer	Civilian category I	Civilian category II	Civilian category III		
<div></div> <div>Elaine Gallardo Unit: 7th Security Forces Squadron Job title: Volunteer Hometown: Mason, Mich. Time at Dyess: Two years Time with Air Force: Two years, civilian Hobbies: Working out and motorcycle riding Goals: To obtain a degree in marriage counseling</div>	<div></div> <div>Pamela Aulerich Unit: 7th Maintenance Group Job title: Secretary Hometown: Long Beach, Calif. Time at Dyess: 12 years Time with Air Force: 20 years, civilian Hobbies: Scrapbooking and equestrian Goals: To be a good wife and help the Air Force meet its mission</div>	<div></div> <div>Jack Wylie Unit: 7th Bomb Wing Job title: Ground safety manager Hometown: Joshua, Texas. Time at Dyess: Four and a half years Time in Air Force: 30 years, active duty; one year, civilian Hobbies: Reading, gardening and volunteering Goals: To live long and prosper</div>	<div></div> <div>James Nichols Unit: 7th Services Squadron Job title: Club manager Hometown: Lake Charles, La. Time at Dyess: Six months Time with Air Force: 28 years, civilian Hobbies: Automobile repair and motorcycles Goals: To continue to do better each day</div>		

9th BS thanks local students for support

By Senior Airman Joel Mease
7th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

More than 60 students, teachers and parents of the Wylie Intermediate School fourth grade class attended one of the final stops of the 9th Bomb Squadron's flag presentation to 11 schools across the Abilene area Monday.

The American flags were flown in a B-1 April 22, 2005, over Afghanistan to show appreciation for those students who had stayed in touch with squadron members who were deployed.



Courtesy photo
Students from 11 schools sent letters and banners to support Dyess Airmen while they were deployed in last the few years.

The program started because local school children wanted a way to show their appreciation to Dyess Airmen while they were deployed, said Mitch Davis, Wylie Intermediate School principal.

Those students showed their appreciation in the form of banners, cards and letters. Their appreciation was deeply felt by those Dyess Airmen deployed far from home.

"There is no better reminder of home when you're sitting there working and you see what they have done for you. It's a huge morale booster for us," said Capt. Erich Grade, 9th BS weapons system officer.

Because the squadron was deployed over the holidays, receiving mail from the students was one of their fondest memories from the deployment, said Capt. Mark Wass, 9th BS weapons system officer.

"Many of the single guys who didn't normally get mail were excited to get letters from students. Just the fact that the kids would take time to write to us was a nice reminder that people do care about what we are doing," Captain Wass said.

Several of the deployed members sent photos back to their spouses showing the work the kids had done for them, Captain Wass said. Many of the spouses said it would be nice for them to return the favor and recognize the students for their hard work. The spouses then got a list of which schools had sent letters, so they could fly the flags for them, he said.

The return gesture to the students was



Photo by Senior Airman Joel Mease
Left: Principal Mitch Davis, Wylie Intermediate School, receives a flag from Capt. Mark Wass, 9th Bomb Squadron weapon systems officer, in appreciation of Wylie student's support of deployed Dyess members.

very important for the students to see, the principal said.

"It gave the kids who don't have a parent in the military a chance to see that what they sent out to those troops was appreciated. It also gave them the opportunity to appreciate what their fellow classmates who do have parents in the military go through," Mr. Davis said.

The following schools were presented a flag in appreciation for their support of Dyess Airmen: Clark Middle School, Cooper High School Air Force Junior ROTC, Dyess Elementary, Johnston Elementary, Lee Elementary, Lincoln Middle School, Mann Middle School, Thomas Elementary, Wylie Intermediate, Wylie Middle School, and Wylie Elementary.

C-130s support coalition operations in Afghanistan

By Maj. Eric Elliott
455th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

The 774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron has been supporting Operation Mountain Lion since it began April 12.

The squadron's C-130 Hercules aircraft have delivered supplies such as food, water and ammunition for coalition combat operations.

"Our crews helped position personnel and equipment to forward locations before the operation began, even as our mission planners worked with other joint planners to determine suitable drop zones," said Lt. Col. Thomas Lawrence, 774th EAS commander. "Once the operation began, we capitalized on the C-130's flexibility by delivering essential supplies to units via airdrop and traditional air-land missions."

Since the beginning of the operation, the squadron has flown thousands of pounds of supplies to coalition ground forces. Many of these forces were operating in isolated parts of the country where it would be difficult to bring in supplies by land.

The squadron flew two missions Tuesday, dropping 12 pallets of supplies to ground forces.

"The C-130 has the capability of resupplying troops in very remote areas, in all weather, day or night," Colonel Lawrence said. "Our aircraft are equipped and our aircrews are trained to fly and deliver supplies where others can't."

Two of the drop zones used during the operation were on the side and crest of a steep mountain. This created particular problems for planners who had to determine the best flight path to help the aircrew hit the target while preventing the bundles from going over the edge of the mountain, the colonel said.

"We'd never used drop zones like these," Colonel Lawrence said. "This mission required a lot of preparation and planning. We knew that if we missed the drop zone, the supplies would fall down into the valley and be of no use to the ground troops."

Three aircraft flew these missions, dropping 34 pallets, each weighing about 1,000 pounds, "on time and on target," he said.

"The mission was a success because we were able to

bring the ground forces the supplies they needed," Colonel Lawrence said. "It was rewarding to be able to directly support our fellow warriors in harm's way, and (it) also reconfirmed the unparalleled capabilities of the C-130 and of our Airmen."

Besides resupplying troops, the 774th also delivered more than 30,000 pounds of humanitarian supplies to villages in the Korengal Valley, one of the poorest areas of the country, said Army Lt. Col. Michael Forsyth. Supplies included food, medicine, fuel, clothing and water.

"We want to build trust and confidence among the people for the coalition and its efforts, and we believe by establishing this trust the local populace will be willing to cooperate with coalition forces in identifying insurgents, caches, enemy leaders and threatening activities," Colonel Forsyth said. "A positive connection with the population is the key to denying the insurgents the ability to sustain themselves or to re-enter the area."



Photos by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Redente
Pallets destined for Afghani villages are loaded onto a C-130 Hercules at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, April 15 in support of Operation Mountain Lion. The pallets contained food, water and ammunition for coalition combat operations.



Chief Master Sgt. Gary Lanham, 774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron loadmaster superintendent, inspects pallets before they are loaded onto a C-130 Hercules.



Photo illustration by Airman 1st Class Carolyn Viss

TEAM DYESS

Warrior of the Week

Airman Mariela Mata

Unit: 28th Bomb Squadron
Job title: Aviation resource management
Job description: Provide B-1 initial and mission qualification training; update aircrew training and aircrew flying hours using the aviation resource management system; and prepare and processes daily mission set-up sheets, flight authorizations orders, and individual training summaries.
Time in the Air Force: Six months
Time at Dyess: Two months
Marital status: Single
Hometown: Fredericksburg, Texas
Most rewarding job aspect: To have the opportunity to provide each pilot and navigator with information at hand
What are your goals: To further my education and serve my country
What you like most about Dyess: The people here and everything that Dyess has to offer for new Airmen
What you like most about the Air Force: The great opportunities and benefits the Air Force has to offer
What is your best Air Force memory: Graduating from basic military training
(Editor's note: The Dyess Warrior of the Week is selected by unit commanders, first sergeants or supervisors.)

News Briefs

Motorcycle briefing

Quarterly motorcycle briefings are scheduled for today at 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the base theater. All Dyess motorcycle riders must attend one of these briefings. For more information, call Maj. Jennifer Barnard at 696-8364 or the wing safety office at 696-4584.

Boxing exposition

Today is the last day to register for the base-wide all-ranks boxing exposition at the fitness center. The \$5 entry fee must be turned into the fitness center front desk by 5 p.m. The event is open to military personnel only. Military identification is required.

Fights will consist of three one-minute rounds with a one-minute rest between them.

Females are encouraged to participate and will follow the same weight class rules as males unless the referees determine otherwise. Servicemembers from other branches are welcome to enter as well.

Bout winners will be determined by a three-to five-judge panel based on who completes the greatest number of blows to the head.

Competitors must weigh in by 5 p.m. Thursday and attend a safety briefing.

The briefings are scheduled to be held May 5 at 10 a.m. and noon.

For more information or a complete list of rules, call Staff Sgt. Victoria Saenz at 696-5911.

Asian Pacific Islander heritage

The Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage committee is looking for members. Positions are open to all Dyess members including active duty, Guard, Reserve, civil service and retired personnel and their families.

The initial meeting is scheduled for Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. in Building 7232, 3rd and C Street, suite 131.

Interested persons must respond to Capt. Manuel Sancillo by Monday at noon.

For more information, call Captain Sancillo at 696-1336 or 696-4226; or e-mail manuel.sancillo@dyess.af.mil.

Family child care

The family child care office is looking for providers. Training is free, and providers have access to an extensive lending program and U. S. Department of Agriculture food program.

Providers are also eligible for tax deductions.

For more information, call Michelle Beaulieu at 696-2839.

Shoppin’ in the Park

The 7th Services Squadron is scheduled to host its annual Shoppin’ in the Park flea market Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the park behind the Dyess Clinic.

All military identification card holders are eligible to rent space for \$15.

The Memorial Park Gate located near the Dyess Museum will be open to non-military personnel wishing to attend the sale.

The rain date for this event is May 13. For more information, call 696-4175. To register, visit the Crafter’s Haven located in the Hangar Center.

Military marriage seminar

A two-day military marriage seminar is scheduled for May 5 at 5:30 p.m. and continue May 6 at 8:30 a.m. at The Heritage Club.

The cost is \$30 per couple, and participants must register with the chapel by calling 696-4224.

Snacks, breakfast, lunch and child care will be available at no charge. Parents needing child care must register with the chapel by Tuesday.

For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Incorvaia at 696-1471 or Chaplain (Capt.) Cody Broussard at 696-4019.

Youth swim meet

The Dyess Youth Center invites everyone to come out and cheer on the Dyess Dolphins swim team in their May 6 swim meet at the fitness center pool.

Approximately 15 youth from Dyess will be competing against other West Texas youth in the USA Swimming class “C” competition beginning at 10 a.m.

Sixty-six events are scheduled to take place and awards will be presented to the top three male and female swimmers in each age group.

For more information, call Kathy Greiner at 696-2178.

Ms. Greiner is also looking for volunteers to help time events.

Space-available travel

Current space-available C-130 flight schedule:

- Monday to Peterson AFB, Colo.; leaves at 8 a.m., returns Tuesday.
- May 5 to Randolph AFB, Texas; leaves at 10 a.m., returns same day.
- May 8 to Kirtland AFB, N.M., leaves at 8 a.m., returns May 12.

All flights are subject to change or cancellation without prior notice. Show time for all flights is two hours prior to scheduled take-off time. All travelers must show their military identification cards plus one additional form of ID. Active duty travelers must possess valid leave orders. The passenger terminal is at Building 4112, Avenue A3.

For all flights scheduled during non-duty hours, travelers must coordinate with the pax terminal by calling 696-4505 or 696-8732.

Airmen honored in Chicago

In an effort to recognize the sacrifices of Airmen in the Chicago area, the Merchant’s Association is asking for volunteers to send pictures and basic information for displays



Photo by Senior Airman James Schenck

PLAY BALL!

Juwaun Plato, 4, son of Senior Airman Joe Plato, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron, and Patrice Plato, leans into a swing during batting practice Wednesday afternoon at the fields behind the Child Development Center. Juwaun is on the Astros T-ball team in the three- to four-year old league. Teams practiced in preperation for the begining of their regular season on May 9.

in conjunction with Memorial Day and Armed Forces Week. The pictures will be displayed in windows along State Street in Chicago during the month of May.

Anyone who would like to be featured should contact Beth Gosselin, community relations, headquarters, Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va, by calling (757) 764-5994 or DSN: 574-5994; or by e-mailing beth.gosselin@langley.af.mil by Thursday. Airmen should include a high resoution picture of themselves, preferably a head and shoulder shot, along with their name, hometown, current station and current job.

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Study skills seminars

The Base Training and Education Services Flight is scheduled to host study skills seminars May 17 and June 14 at 8:30 a.m. in the education service center.

The seminars are free and open to all active-duty military personnel. Department of Defense civilians will be admitted on a space-available basis.

Individuals may sign up by calling 696-5544 or e-mailing 7mssdpe@dyess.af.mil.

For more information, call William Phillips at 696-5545.

Absentee voting

United States citizens covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act may register to vote at the Federal Voting Assistance Program’s Web site, www.fvap.gov. Unit counselors are available to provide help. A listing of unit counselors is available at https://wwwmil.dyess.af.mil/UnitVotingCounselors.doc.

For more information, call Dyess’ Installation Voting Assistance Officers, Capt. Manuel Sancillo at 696-1336 or Neva Gambrell at 696-6449.

Legal office walk-in hours

The Dyess Legal Office walk-in hours are 9 to 10 a.m. every Friday; however, individuals may still schedule appointments.

For more information, call Capt. Nick McCue at 696-2232.

Zoolute to Dyess

The Abilene Zoological Gardens is scheduled to host a free day at the zoo for military families May 6 beginning at 9 a.m.

Select Dyess and Abilene area civic leaders are scheduled to speak at 9 a.m., and gates open at 9:30 a.m.

In addition to the zoo being open, local businesses plan to provide entertainment throughout the day.

Free food will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All military members and their families must present a military identification card.

For more information, call The Abilene Zoo at 676-6085.

VA look-alike

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is warning active and retired servicemembers of a scam by an organization called Veterans Affairs Services.

This organization is not affiliated with the VA in any way, but is a private company based in California.

The organization has been gaining access to peoples’ personal financial information through their close resemblance to the Veterans Affairs name and seal.

Anyone with examples of communication with this organization dealing with helping veterans in the preparation or presentation of claims for benefits are encouraged to contact Michael Daugherty, a staff attorney for the Department of Veterans Affairs, by calling (202) 273-8636 or by e-mailing michael.daugherty2@va.gov.

Dyess Chapel

Nursery and children’s church are available at all services. For information on Jewish services, call Maj. Matthew Paskin at 696-1530. For information about other services, call the chapel at 696-4224.

Catholic worship schedule:

Saturday:	Reconciliation — 4 p.m. Mass — 5 p.m.
Sunday:	Mass — 9 a.m. Confraternity of Christian Doctrine — 11 a.m. Mass — 11:30 a.m.

Protestant worship schedule:

Sunday:	Sunday school — 9:45 a.m. Traditional worship service — 11 a.m. Gospel service — 12:30 p.m.
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Jewish services:

A Jewish service is scheduled for May 12 at 7 p.m. at Temple Mizpah, 849 Chestnut St.

The BIG Screen

Today at 7 p.m.
V for Vendetta
Natalie Portman, Hugo Weaving
Set against the futuristic landscape of totalitarian Britain, the story of a mild-mannered young woman named Evey who is rescued from a life-and-death situation by a masked vigilante known only as “V.” Incomparably charismatic and ferociously skilled in the art of combat and deception, V urges his fellow citizens to rise up against tyranny and oppression. Rated R (violence, language), 132 min.

Saturday, Sunday at 2 p.m.
She’s the Man
Amanda Bynes, Channing Tatum
Viola Johnson had her own good reasons for disguising herself as her twin brother Sebastian and enrolling in his place at his new boarding school. She was counting on Sebastian being absent without leave from school as he tried to break into the music scene in London. What she didn’t count on was falling in love with her hot roommate, Duke, who in turn only has eyes for the beautiful Olivia. Rated PG-13 (sexual material), 105 min.

Saturday at 7 p.m.
Failure to Launch
Sarah Jessica Parker, Matthew McConaughey
A thirty-something man who still lives with his parents falls in love with the woman of his dreams and begins to suspect she has been hired by his parents as a way to get him out of the house. Rated PG-13 (sexual content, nudity, language), 97 min.

Surviving sexual assault: one victim’s story

By Capt. Suzanne Ovel
20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

When she woke up, everything in her life changed. Her best friend no longer existed. At least his status as her best friend was now gone.

That changed instantly and forever when she found him on top of her, assaulting her.

The evening began as any other for Amanda — not her real name, The Airman and her best friend were studying together, alone, at her place.

Feeling tired, she decided to call it quits for the night, and asked him to leave. Later, when she awoke with him violating her, any residual feelings of sleepiness sharply shifted to horror and shock.

After he left, Amanda showered.

“You’re not supposed to, but no one can ever understand how disgusting and dirty it feels,” she said. “I’ve never scrubbed so hard in my life. I just couldn’t wash it away.”

Less than an hour later, Amanda reported the assault to the authorities.

“I was too scared to call. Until that morning, he was my best friend, and I was about to have him arrested,” the 19-year-old said. “I was so torn.”

Today, victims can opt to use restrictive reporting if they immediately contact the base’s sexual assault response and prevention coordinator. But when Amanda was assaulted, that option wasn’t available.

The authorities began a full investigation. After the phone call, she went directly to the hospital for a medical examination, while investigators examined her residence for evidence.

That single night forever altered her emotions, thoughts and focus in life.

“It touches every aspect of your life, and it’s not just something you can walk away from,” she said. “Before the assault, I was just worried about my career,” Amanda said. “Afterwards, (I felt) humiliated, hurt, furious, terrified, disgusted, nauseous, dizzy — you name it.”

Amanda’s family, her dog and a few select people helped her start her recovery from the assault.

For Amanda, her attacker’s brother-like status made the betrayal even worse. She still questions his motives.

“I would ask him what in the hell was going through his mind that he felt he had the right to do that,” she said. “I just hope he gets mental help.”

To other victims, she would simply say, “I’m sorry. That’s all you really can say.”

She pleads with Airmen who know a sexual assault victim not to force them to talk about the incident, and not to be offended if the victim treats them differently — the victim’s perceptions may be altered.

More importantly, she wants family, friends and co-workers to not victimize the person again, judging them or questioning their accounts.

“Can you imagine being too afraid to fall asleep for fear that you’re going to wake up with someone on top of you? I hope not, but victims can,” she said.

Sexual assault awareness facts:

- Acquaintance rape accounts for more than 80 percent of all rapes.
- Isolation is a common method used by sexual assault perpetrators.
- Restrictive reporting allows victims to receive medical care and counseling without an official investigation; to use restrictive reporting, victims must directly contact the sexual assault response and prevention coordinator.

Holocaust still powerful reminder in today’s world

By Aaron Hochman-Zimmerman
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Few have the stomach, or really the heart, to truly examine the Holocaust. It is so much easier to quickly label it as ‘a great evil’ and say, “Those things don’t happen anymore.”

Worldwide, the horrible ingredients of genocide still exist. Don’t think an ocean or a continent’s distance should prevent a person from helping to stop the forces of unjust death and suffering.

Don’t feel safe with the thought that it’s all over, humanity understands its flaws, and it’s all better now. Ask them in the Sudan if genocide could really happen, or in the Balkans.

To many, the Holocaust stands aside from other atrocities, not only because of the quantity of those killed, but also because of the way Jews were singled out from the societies they were often assimilated into and to which they posed no true threat.

Nazi success at answering what they saw as their “Jewish Question” came partially by accident.

Their final aims of large-scale death were secret to all because they had not yet been conceived.

Once in power, the Nazis began their campaign against the Jews of Germany with stormtrooper-enforced boycotts of businesses and street brawls, according to George Kren and Leon Rappaport in their

book, “The Holocaust and the Crisis of Human Behavior.”

The Nazis followed the boycotts, which were only moderately effective, with laws prohibiting Jews from marrying Gentiles, from owning land, or working in journalism.

With these laws passed in 1934 and 1935, according to Kren and Rappaport, Jews felt that for as long as the Nazis held power these laws and other official repressions were their tolerable fate. If they did not resist, no further persecution would be necessary; and perhaps, they may even earn the respect of the German people for their perseverance.

During the next phase, beginning in late 1938, Jews saw many more beatings and home burnings. They were offered a chance to leave, although they were required to surrender almost all of their possessions to the government. This quickly gave way, after the war began, to the forced deportation of German Jews to ghettos in newly-conquered Poland.

“Various sources show that as late as 1940-1941, Schutzstaffel (SS) functionaries were working on plans to deport Jews to a special reserve in Madagascar,” according to Kren and Rappaport. That sort of effort would not be made if the grand designs were to kill all along.

Just like the frog that will jump if placed in a pot of boiling water but will not fight his death if the water is slowly heated, Jews were, at first, willing to accept the

misfortunes of war and occupation.

Once the pot began to boil, they were in no position to fight back.

The Polish ghettos were teeming with disease, famine and over-crowding. They became increasingly difficult to manage from the German perspective. The “Jewish Question” had many answers until January 1942, when out of cold calculation came a Final Solution.

The Final Solution came from Hans Frank, Nazi governor of Poland, who in his frustration had once said, “We ask nothing of the Jews except that they should disappear.”

The Nazis began to clear the Polish ghettos, and with all that had been the Jewish experience until then; relocation for work details was a passable cover story for transport to death camps.

Russian Jews were often caught unaware, unorganized and unarmed in their villages. All men, women and children were assumed to be partisans and shot.

“The death camps were in fact an unexpected but quite logical result of a racist, genetically oriented political philosophy that was based upon rational, consistent assumptions and was supported by various kinds of respectable scientific evidence.

Far from being irrational, the Holocaust can only be epitomized in terms of excessive rationality, an example of logical thought slipping the bonds of human feeling,” according to Kren and Rappaport.

Applying strict logic to the “Jewish Question” presents an understanding for the killers that, in an instant, can horrify a person for fear of what human nature really is, or is not.

In his book “Ordinary Men,” Christopher Browning describes some of the perpetrators. He forces those who are willing to see that although some seemed to delight in the opportunity for brutality, most did not love or even believe in what they did. They followed orders because it was easier than the alternative. They feared for their own lives and careers. They feared they might seem weak, and they understood that if they did not kill, someone else would.

They had to de-humanize their victims. They had to turn off what humanity they had so they might not deal with the reality of their actions.

A former Order Policeman recounted for “Ordinary Men”: “I made the effort, and it was possible for me, to shoot only the children ... My neighbor then shot the mother and I shot the child that belonged to her, because I reasoned with myself that after all without its mother the child could not live any longer.”

They are “Ordinary Men,” as are we all. Were we presented with the same situation, how would we act? Is it easier to think no farther than the trigger, with no thought of where the bullet goes? We have to ask if we have it in ourselves to do what they did?

Those of you in the military deserve endless praise for the burden you carry as the guarantors of the American principles of freedom and civil liberty. Part of the burden is to understand that many of us are “Ordinary Men” and women, and we must use the lives we are given to do what is right and stop what is wrong.

It is you and those who have gone before you who stop the worst in humanity and protect what is best.

Motorcycle safety tips





Photo illustration by Senior Airman Joel Mease

Summer is approaching and more people are riding their motorcycles. Here are some tips to help share the road:

- There are a lot more cars and trucks than motorcycles on the road, and some drivers do not “recognize” a motorcycle; they ignore it (usually unintentionally). Look for motorcycles, especially when checking traffic at an intersection.
- Because of its small size, a motorcycle may look farther away than it is. It may also be difficult to judge a motorcycle’s speed. When checking traffic to turn at an intersection or a driveway, predict a motorcycle is closer than it looks.
- Because of its small size, a motorcycle can be easily hidden in a car’s blind spots or masked by objects or backgrounds outside a car. Take an extra moment to thoroughly check traffic.
- Because of its small size a motorcycle may seem to be moving faster than it really is. Do not assume all

motorcyclists are speed demons.

- Motorcyclists often adjust position within a lane to be seen more easily and to minimize the effects of road debris, passing vehicles, and wind. Understand that motorcyclist adjust lane position for a purpose, not to be reckless or to show off or to allow you to share the lane with them.
- Maneuverability is one of a motorcycle’s better characteristics, especially at slower speeds and with good road conditions. However, do not expect a motorcyclists to always be able to dodge out of the way.
- The stopping distance for motorcycles is nearly the same as for cars, but slippery pavement makes stopping quickly difficult. Allow more following distance behind a motorcycle because it cannot always stop on a dime.
- When a motorcycle is in motion, do not think of it as a motorcycle; think of it as a person.



Golf scramble results

Congratulations to the following winners at the April 19 scramble at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course.

First place: Dan Wiggers, Bill Harner, Don Clark, and Thomas Hartsfield

Second place: Jeff Cook, Ed Terbush, and Rick Prosser

Third place: Ron Kolodziejczyk, Jim Helm, Jared Stanley, and Jim Pendley *(Information courtesy of Mesquite Grove Golf Course)*

Base acquires new missions, aircraft in the ‘60s

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Life at Dyess during the 1960s continued where it left off in the 1950s. The 341st Bombardment Wing and the 96th Bomb Wing continued to fly the B-47 Stratojet, the backbone of the cold war. The two co-existed until the 341st BW was inactivated June 25, 1961.

The 96th BW also flew the KC-97 Stratotanker to support and refuel the B-47. The tanker was introduced in 1950 and used the “flying boom” refueling system. This system allowed the aircraft to carry cargo without removing the refueling gear.

One of the first changes for the 96th BW was the addition of Atlas F missiles in July, 1961, manned by the 578th Strategic Missile Squadron. The first of the Atlas missiles went on alert in April, 1961. The



Courtesy photo
In 1965, Maggi, the first of 18 KC-135 Stratotankers arrives at Dyess. The 917th Air Refueling Squadron also arrived here the same year.

squadron manned Atlas silos in six counties surrounding Abilene. Underground silos were located near Albany, Anson, Baird, Bradshaw, Corinth West, Denton Valley, Fort Phantom Hill, Lawn, Nolan, Oplin, Shep and Wingate. The unit was redesignated the 96th Strategic Aerospace Wing April 1, 1962. The Atlas program was short-lived and in March 1965, the Atlas was phased out.

Another change in 1961 brought the first C-130D Hercules to Dyess. The C-130s were originally assigned to the 64th Troop Carrier Wing. Feb. 8, 1961, the 17th Troop Carrier Squadron was activated, followed by the 18th Troop Carrier Squadron Jan. 8, 1962. By 1963, the 64th TCV was redesignated the 516th Troop Carrier Wing. The Hercules has been here longer than any other aircraft.

The 96th BW went through another transition in 1963. That year, the wing traded in its aging fleet of B-47s for B-52s. The 96th received B-52Cs and the then new B-52Ds and B-52Es from Boeing.

In 1965, Dyess came under the control of the 2nd Air Force. That same year, the base acquired an additional mission — air refueling. The 917th Air Refueling Squadron, along with Maggi, the first of 18 KC-135 Stratotankers, arrived here to provide aerial refueling support for the B-52s.

Two years later, the 96th Bomb Wing became the 96th Strategic Aerospace Wing. While the names changed, the mission did not. The wing continued flying the B-52s



Courtesy photo
Load crews load 750-pound general purpose bombs on a Dyess B-52 for its next mission at Andersen Air Base, Guam, during the Vietnam War. Bomber crews were striking targets in North Vietnam.

and the KC-135s. Between 1965 and 1973, both the bombers and tankers from Dyess were engaged in combat activities over Southeast Asia. Bomber crews flew missions against targets in North Vietnam, north of the demilitarized zone from U-Tapao Airfield, Thailand, while tankers

crews provided air refueling for bomber and fighter aircraft.

In the '60s, Dyess saw numerous changes and the next decade will be no exception. The constant was that Dyess continued its role in the defense of America through whatever change came its way.



Photos by Airman 1st class Ryan Summers

World’s Largest Barbeque huge hit

Above: Edna Core, REMAX of Abilene, serves cookies and bread slices to Senior Airman Douglas Smith, 317th Airlift Group. Abilene hosts the World’s Largest Barbecue for Dyess personnel at the Abilene Civic Center every year to commemorate the relationship between Dyess and the City of Abilene.

Right: Noah, son of Staff Sgt. Tim O’guinn, 317th Maintenance Squadron, enjoys a barbecue sandwich.

